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(C) The Dutch advise the USG to contact the French EU presidency immediately if we want the EU to refrain from lifting travel restrictions on the Karadzic family. In an August 7 meeting, DepLegCounselor and Poloff raised ref A points with Dutch MFA Deputy Head of the Western Balkans Division Ard van der Vorst. Van der Vorst responded that the EU had decided this issue -- only administrative steps remain to be completed to lift the travel restrictions. Van der Vorst was puzzled that the USG was concerned in this instance, as the EU has traditionally lifted travel restrictions on the family members of other ICTY indictees once they arrived in The Hague. He requested the USG provide additional information before the Dutch would consider intervening in Brussels.
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